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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 30 March 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-46 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-9 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 10-12, 20, 26, 27, 29-31, 39-42 and 44 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 13-19, 21-25, 28, 32-38, 43, 45 and 46 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- ☐ Other: _____

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1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claim 20 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Luddy (5,953,346).

For claim 20, Luddy discloses an input configured to receive a first signal from the communication device(see originating node 202 in figure 4); a filter circuit configured to filter an answer tone from the first signal to generate a second signal(see box 314 in figure 5),and an output to provide the second signal for transmission to the second gateway (see output signal from box 314 to box 304).

2. This application currently names joint inventors. In considering patentability of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), the examiner presumes that the subject matter of the various claims was commonly owned at the time any inventions covered therein were made absent any evidence to the contrary. Applicant is advised of the obligation under 37 CFR 1.56 to point out the inventor and invention dates of each claim that

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was not commonly owned at the time a later invention was made in order for the examiner to consider the applicability of 35 U.S.C. 103(c) and potential 35 U.S.C. 102(e), (f) or (g) prior art under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negatived by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 10-12, 26-27, 29-31, 39, 40-42, and 44 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Luddy in view of Cassing (C6x Solutions for Voice Over IP gateway).

For claims 10-12, 26-27, 29-31, 39, 40-42, and 44, Luddy discloses all the subject matter of the claimed invention with the exception of having the first device and the second device communicated with each other using a packet protocol as recited in claims 10, 29, and 39; the communication device being a modem device or facsimile device; and the notch filter centered around 2100 Hz as recited in claims 11-12, 26-27, 30-31, 41-42 and 44.

Cassing from the same or similar fields of endeavor teaches a provision of the communication device being a modem device or facsimile device (see FAX modem in figure 5) and the notch filter centered around 2100 Hz (see figure 5) and the first device and the second device communicated with each other using a packet protocol (see page 74 under section gateway 1.1) . Thus, it would have been obvious to the person of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to use the first device and the second device communicated with each other using a packet protocol; the communication device being a modem device or facsimile device; and the notch filter centered around 2100 Hz as taught by Cassing in the communications network of Luddy.

The first device and the second device communicated with each other using a packet protocol; the communication device being a modem device or facsimile device; and the notch filter centered around 2100 Hz can be implemented/modified into the network of Luddy by using replacing the originating node with the FAX or Modem device and using the packet switch between the originating node and the terminating node . The motivation for using the first device and the second device communicated with each other using a packet protocol; the communication device being a modem device or facsimile device; and the notch filter

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centered around 2100 Hz as taught by Cassing. into the communications network of Luddy being that it provides error detection since voice can transmit over packet switch and it provides adaptation to different kind of devices.

4. Claims 1-9 are allowed.

5. Claims 13-19, 21-25, 28, 32-38, 43, and 45-46 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

6. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-46 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to DANG T. TON whose telephone number is 571-272-3171. The examiner can normally be reached on MON-WED, 5:30 AM-6:00 PM and Thur 5:30-9:30 A.M.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, RAO SEEMA can be

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reached on 571-272-3174. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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